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5. (Amended) A process for the isolation of a glycolipid fraction from rice bran oil, said process comprising degumming/dewaxing crude rice bran oil by adding boiling water thereto with stirring to form an emulsion, separating the emulsion thus obtained into a supernatant fraction and sludge, subjecting the supernatant fraction to further degumming/dewaxing by adding water at elevated temperature with stirring, separating the resultant emulsion into a supernatant fraction containing substantially pure oil and a sludge, extracting at least once the sludge so obtained with hexane followed by separating the glycolipid fraction.

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7. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 6 wherein the purification of the glycolipid fraction is done by column chromatography.

Remarks

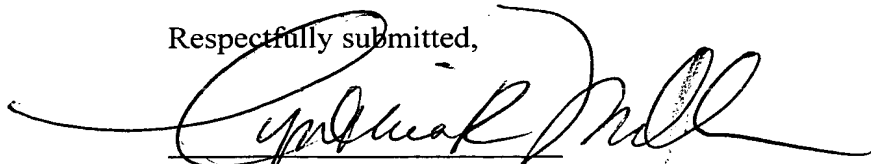
Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendatory action and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowability of claims 1-8.

The above amendments are considered to satisfy the objections to claims 5 and 7 and the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

To assist the Examiner in following the amendments made to claims 5 and 7, a marked version of the claims is submitted herewith on a separate page. Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

In the Claims

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A process for the isolation of a glycolipid fraction from rice bran oil, said process comprising degumming/dewaxing [the] crude rice bran oil by adding boiling water thereto with stirring to form a emulsion, separating the emulsion thus obtained into a supernatant fraction and sludge, subjecting the supernatant fraction to further degumming/dewaxing by adding water at elevated temperature with stirring, separating the resultant emulsion into a supernatant fraction containing substantially pure oil and a sludge, extracting at least once the sludge so obtained with hexane followed by separating the [said] glycolipid fraction.

7. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 6 wherein [in a further embodiment of the invention,] the purification of the glycolipid fraction is done by column chromatography.